

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge has been recognized by the National Audubon Society as an "Important Bird Area" and offers many opportunities year round for bird and wildlife observation as well as other wildlife dependent recreation.

#### Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Hours

Dawn to Dusk

#### Iroquois NWR Headquarters and Visitor Contact Station

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm

March 28 - May 25

Saturday and Sunday 9:00am - 5:00pm

#### Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013

585-948-5445

[www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/iroquois)

#### Iroquois Observations

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[www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org](http://www.friendsofiroquoisnwr.org)

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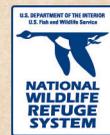
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## Iroquois Observations Schedule



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#### In Partnership with:



# Programs offered

#### Focus on...

Meet at Iroquois NWR Headquarters/Visitor Contact Station. 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY

A guest lecture series which takes place at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters. This program is appropriate for adults and youth 12 years and older.

#### Hands on...

Meet at Iroquois NWR Headquarters/Visitor Contact Station. 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY, 14013

Speakers present an informative nature program and a craft, activity or walk. 1-2 hours in length. Fun for the whole family. Children please be accompanied by an adult.

#### Field Trips

Trips begin and end at Cayuga Pool Overlook on Route 77. An experienced birding team will take you to many of the best birding sites of the refuge complex and surrounding areas. Drive your own car or car-pool. Best suited for older children and adults.

#### Eagle Watch

Meet at the Cayuga Pool Overlook, Route 77.

The Eagle Watch attracts families, new birders and seasoned birders alike! Spotting scopes are staffed by a team of experienced birdwatchers as visitors view an active Bald Eagle's nest as well as a large diversity of migratory birds such as; Ruddy Ducks, Pied Billed Grebes, Northern Shovelers, American Coots, Canada Geese, Great Blue Herons. Bring binoculars or use ours!

#### Owl Prowl

**NEW** - Pre-registration Required, 585-948-5445.

Meet at Iroquois NWR Headquarters/Visitor Contact Station. 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY, 14013

Join in a nocturnal search for owls. Be prepared for an off road walk. We will caravan to another site. For the entire family.

#### Canoe Trek

Meet at Knowlesville Road Bridge. Explore the primitive beauty of Oak Orchard Creek with an experienced guide. Bring your own canoe or kayak. Life Jackets are required. Alcohol is prohibited on the refuge. Questions? Call: Rick Allen at 716-445-9685.

#### Woodcock Walk

Meet at Swallow Hollow Nature Trail on Knowlesville Road. We will search for the secretive American Woodcock to watch its curious mating ritual. Suitable for the whole family.

#### Warbler Walk

Please check the schedule for meeting locations as they vary throughout the season. An experienced guide will lead you on an informative walk, identifying the birds/plants you may encounter. Walks are approximately 1 mile in length over generally flat terrain. Dress for the weather and bring insect repellent, sun block and drinking water, as needed. For the entire family.

#### Secretive Birds of the Marsh Walk

Meet at Kanyoo Nature Trail, Route 77. Visit the hidden world of Rails, Bitterns and Soras. After a short presentation we will travel to another site. For the entire family.

#### Tree ID Walk

Meet at Kanyoo Nature Trail, Route 77. Join an experienced guide on a pleasant walk through the woods to identify trees. Appropriate for adults and older children.

#### End of the Summer Birds

Meet at Kanyoo Nature Trail, Route 77.

Ever wonder what birds are here after spring migration and before fall migration? Join us in the search for warblers and shorebirds. Appropriate for adults and older children.



# All Events are Free and Open to the Public

Nature Programs at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge are brought to you by the Buffalo Audubon Society in partnership with The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and The Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge.

Visitors may borrow binoculars for free from the refuge during business hours.

## Saturday, March 28

- 1 - 4 pm Eagle Watch
- 7:30 - 9:30 pm Owl Prowl - **NEW** - Pre-registration is required

## Saturday, April 4

- 9 am - 12 pm Raptor Field Trip
- 1 - 2 pm Focus On... *Nature Sketching*  
Speaker: Mary McAndrew  
Bring Sketch Pad and Pencils
- 1 - 4 pm Eagle Watch

## Saturday, April 11

- 9 am - 12 pm Waterfowl Field Trip
- 1 - 2 pm Focus On... *Breeding Bird Survey*  
Speaker: Dawn Washington
- 1 - 4 pm Eagle Watch
- 7:30 - 9 pm Woodcock Walk

## Saturday, April 18

- 9 am - 12 pm Field trip: Batavia Waste Water Treatment Plant - Meet at Cayuga Overlook at 9 am or meet at the WWTP at 9:30 am
- 1 - 2 pm Focus On... *Bald Eagles*  
Speaker: Mike Allen
- 1 - 4 pm Eagle Watch

## Saturday, April 25 Spring Into Nature Celebration

- 9 am - 4 pm Join in a day of family activities, hands on projects, presentations, demonstrations, and exhibits all about wildlife, nature, and spring!
- 1 - 4 pm Eagle Watch



## Saturday, May 2

- 8 - 10 am Warbler Walk - Meet at Swallow Hollow Nature Trail
- 10 am - 12 pm Warbler Walk - Meet at Swallow Hollow Nature Trail
- 1 - 2 pm Focus On... *Skulls & Bones*  
Speaker: Bob VanStone
- 3 - 4 pm Tree ID Walk  
Guides: Marie & Isea Erck
- 6 - 8 pm Secretive Birds of the Marsh
- 8:30 - 10:30 pm Owl Prowl - **NEW** - Pre-registration is required

## Sunday, May 3

- 9 am - 1 pm Canoe Trek

## Saturday, May 9 International Migratory Bird Day

- 8 - 10 am Warbler Walk - Meet at Kanyoo Nature Trail
- 10 am - 12 pm Warbler Walk - Meet at Kanyoo Nature Trail
- 1 - 2 pm Focus On... *Hummingbirds*  
Speaker: Karen Colton

## Saturday, June 20 Special Evening Program

- 8 - 9 pm Owls of the Night "Live Owls"  
Speaker: Wendi Pencille
- 9 pm Kids Activities
- 9 - 11 pm Bugs By Nightlight  
Presenter: Toby Mansfield
- 9 - 11 pm Star Gazing with the Rochester Astronomy Club

## Saturday, August 29

- 9 - 11 am End of Summer Birds (shorebirds & warblers)

# Fall Programs

## Saturday, September 26

- 1 - 3 pm Tree ID Walk  
Guide: Chuck Rosenburg

## Saturday, October 4

- 9 am - 1 pm Canoe Trek

## Saturday, October 24

- 7 - 9 pm Owl Prowl - **NEW** - Pre-registration is required



Programs may be subject to change. Contact the Refuge Headquarters at 585-948-5445 for further information and for an Owl Prowl registration.